

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for  
ADMINISTRATION & REGULATION  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Date:** February 13, 2001

**Place:** Room 19

**Convened:** 9:50 a.m.    **Recessed:**    **Reconvened:**    **Adjourned:** 10:25 a.m.

**Present:** Senators Schuerer-CH, Zieman  
Representatives Raecker-CH, Sievers-VC, Connors-RM, Elgin, Klemme, O'Brien, TaylorTE, Tyrrell

**Absent:**

**Excused:** Senators Bartz-VC, Flynn-RM, Hansen  
Representative Chiodo

Co-Chair Senator Schuerer convened the meeting. Roll was taken. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Representative Raecker introduced two guests from Johnston High School who were shadowing him.

An informal discussion on budget areas followed. Representative Raecker said the appropriations committee chairs have been having discussions with the Governor regarding a possible deappropriations bill based on anticipated state revenues for the current fiscal year, and suggested that discussions be held with the heads of the various agencies who report to the committee to determine where such cuts, if necessary, could be made.

Representative Taylor discussed a policy issue—what can be done through General Services regarding an emphasis on purchasing of computers from suppliers who have Iowa ties. In the discussion that followed it was noted that this could be done with other supplies, and that encouragement language might be included in the bill draft.

Several committee members indicated an interest in continuing to look at the real estate courses at UNI and questions raised by the Professional Licensing Bureau.

Representative Taylor indicated an interest in knowing the Board of Regents position on Enterprise Resource Planning as presented by Cynthia Eisenhauer.

Representative Elgin asked if it would be appropriate to send a letter regarding a deappropriations bill to each of the department heads who have made presentations and also asking their input in setting a target with current revenue projections, asking them to talk about specific line items that could be decreased this year.

Representative O'Brien commented that if items are cut from budgets in an emergency situation, it is unfair to assume that the cuts should continue in the future. Representative Klemme added that the committee should not send a message of "If you don't use it, you lose it."

Representative Raecker gave an update on work with Revenue and Finance on local option processes.

Committee members should contact one of the committee co-chairs if additional presentations are needed.

Representative Connors thanked the co-chairs for the way the meetings have been conducted.

Representative Terrell moved to arise.

Mary Lou Aspengren, Senate Committee Secretary